

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
John C. Harvey *et al.*

Application No.: 08/466,894

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For: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHODS

Confirmation No.: 3544

Art Unit: 2448

Examiner: Aaron Strange

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to item 3 on page 4 of the July 6, 2010 Notice of Allowance in the above captioned application, Applicants hereby submit the following Examiner interview summaries that are relevant to the allowance of this application.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS

MAY 4, 2009

The prosecution of this application, along with all but two of Applicants' copending application, was suspended for several years pending the outcome of the appeal of Application Serial Nos. 08/470,571 and 08/487,526 and the reexamination proceedings of seven related patents. Applicants inquired into the status of these applications in January, 2009, as the current six-month suspension period expired. Applicants requested that the suspension of these applications not be renewed. The Office, through Supervisory Examiner David L. Ometz indicated that the suspensions would not be renewed and that prosecution would recommence. Applicants wish to thank Examiner David L. Ometz for the courtesy of the interview held on

May 4, 2009 in which Applicants' representatives and the Examiners discussed an overall plan for examination of the remaining 110 applications which relate to this application and have a common chain of priority. Applicants were informed that the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) was developing a plan to resume examination and that Applicants would be informed when the plan was in place.

JULY 22, 2009

Applicants were informed in July, 2009, that a team of examiners had been assembled to examine Applicants' copending applications. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' Representatives in a meeting held July 22, 2009, with the examination team. In attendance at the meeting were Thomas J. Scott, Jr. and Carl L. Benson, of Goodwin Procter and the PTO personnel identified on the attached list. Applicants' representatives made a presentation to the Examiners in attendance in accordance with the attached agenda and provided the materials attached hereto to the Examiners for their consideration and use in the further examination of this application and the other application related to this application as identified in Tab 2 of the materials provided to the Examiners in the meeting. Applicants' representatives agreed to respond to any telephone inquiries or to be present for personal interview at the PTO in any circumstance where the Examiner believed such an interview would advance the prosecution of this application.

MARCH-APRIL, 2010

During March and April of 2010, the Examiner and Applicant conducted telephone interviews and on April 8, 2010, a personal interview, to discuss the above-referenced application. The Applicant and Examiner generally discussed the background of the invention and prior art identified by Examiner, in particular U.S. Patent 4,338,645 issued to Cox. Applicants agreed to consider the prior art and to provide a proposed response to the Examiner.

JUNE 15, 2010

Applicants sent a proposed amendment via email to the Examiner. The Examiner accepted the proposed amendment and agreed that it would place the application in condition for allowance. These claims as agreed upon are entered by the Examiner's amendment contained in the Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and consideration in this matter.

Dated: July 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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